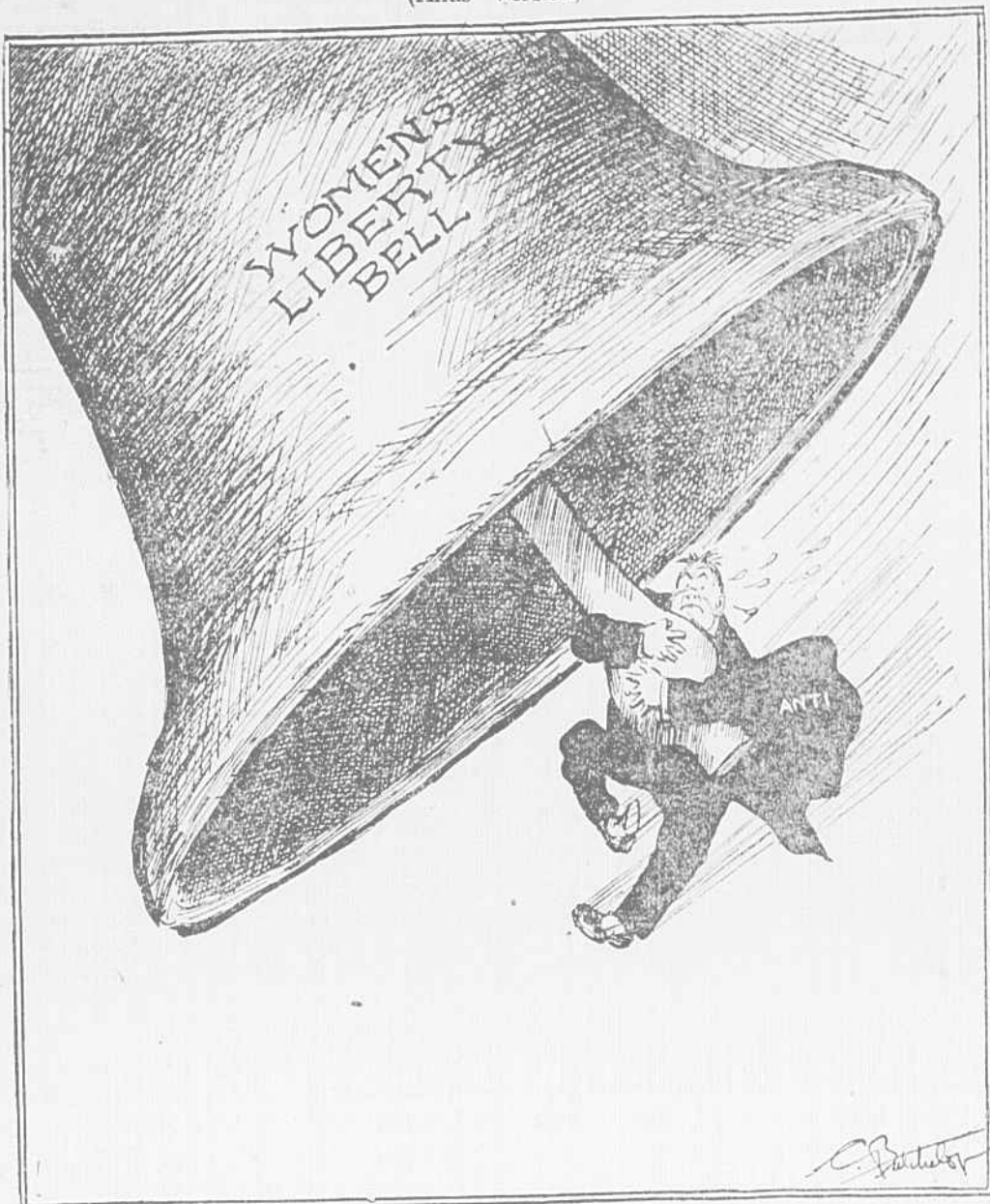


# "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight"

(Antis' Version)



## Laws of West Virginia

With Regard to Women Contrasted with Laws Where Women Vote. CONTRAST.

### SUMMARY OF LAWS IN WEST VA.

1. In West Virginia the wife has a contingent life interest in one-third of her husband's real estate.

2. The husband has a contingent life interest in the whole of his wife's real estate.

3. The wife's right in her deceased husband's personal property is to one-third if she leave children, and to all if she leave none.

4. The husband's right in his deceased wife's personal property is to one-third if she leave children, and to all if she leave none.

5. A father inherits all of both the real estate and the personal property of his child dying without a will, and leaving no widow or children. The mother takes nothing.

6. The husband is legally obliged to furnish reasonable support and maintenance for his wife and minor children who may need such support, unless it shall appear that from physical incapacity or other good cause he is unable to furnish such support.

7. The family responsibilities of the wife under the circumstances cited in the opposite column, are ordinarily assumed by good women in West Virginia, as they are the world over, though in West Virginia not legally imposed. In at least two of the states cited this law was on the statute books prior to the granting of the suffrage.

8. The wife controls her own estate and earnings. Community property does not exist in West Virginia.

9. The father, and not the mother, is entitled to the earnings of the child.

10. West Virginia is one of the few states that still permit the father to appoint a guardian for his child by his last will and testament, regardless of what the wishes of the mother may be. But such guardian has control only of the real and personal estate of the child, out of the proceeds of which he is required to provide for

his maintenance and education. The mother, if living, and fit for the trust, is entitled to the custody of the person of the child, and to the care and his education. Nothing is said about the husband's fitness for the trust. The mother may likewise, by last will and testament, appoint a guardian for her child, provided the father of the child be dead, or she be an unmarried woman.

11. The Courts of West Virginia have always construed these statutes as favorable to women as a proper regard for their duties would allow. Our statute makes a distinction between guardianship and custody of the child. Thus the father cannot will away the person of the child from the mother, but may will away the control of all the property of the child.

12. In West Virginia the father, during the life of both parents, as natural guardian of his minor children, has a paramount right to their custody, and may control the choice of church, school, clothing, medicine and work of the child. After his death the mother has such right.

13. No restrictions are placed upon the hours of labor for women in West Virginia in manufacturing establishments, or other places of labor. They are prohibited by law from working in mines.

### SUMMARY OF LAWS IN EQUAL SUFFRAGE STATES

1. In the Suffrage States of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Illinois, the wife has a contingent interest in one-half of her husband's real estate.

2. The husband has a contingent interest in one-half of his wife's real estate.

3. The wife's right in her deceased husband's personal property is to one-half, whether or not he dies intestate.

4. The husband's right in his deceased wife's personal property whether or not she dies intestate, is to one-half.

5. The parents have equal rights of inheritance in the real and personal

property of a deceased child.

6. The husband is legally obliged to maintain wife, and is liable for family expenses.

7. In Illinois both wife and husband are jointly liable for family expenses. In California, Idaho, and Colorado a wife is legally responsible for the support of her husband and children, when by injury the husband cannot support himself or the family, and possesses no separate property, and she does possess separate property.

8. The wife controls her own estate and earnings, except in those States where property earned or acquired by either spouse after marriage becomes community property subject to mutual restrictions, on the part of both husband and wife.

9. Parents share equally in the child's earnings.

10. The statutes of Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Colorado, California, Oregon, Illinois, Kansas, provide that the surviving mother be sole and unconditional guardian of the child.

11. There can scarcely be a matter more important to woman than that of the guardianship of her children.

12. In Colorado, Utah, Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Illinois, the father and mother are equal guardians of their children.

13. It must be conceded that it is a woman's duty and obligation, as well as her right to direct, or to assist in the direction of her child's education religious and industrial training. Yet it is only recently that the law has so decreed. And it is only in States where there has been a "woman movement" that women have been given equal guardianship of their children, and only in States where women vote that this has been accomplished without years of effort.

14. In Colorado, Washington, California, and Arizona women may work only eight hours a day, and in California this eight-hour law includes student nurses in hospitals. In Oregon the Industrial Welfare Commission has established an 8-1-4 hour day for women.

15. The only States in the Union which have granted an eight-hour law for women are equal suffrage States.

## NATIONAL AND STATE GRANGES

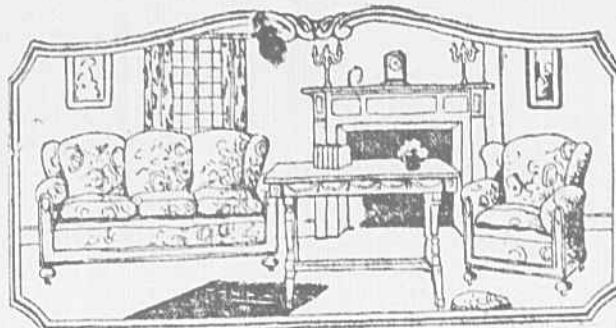
Go on Record in Conventions for the Extension of the Franchise to Women.

Probably no organization of national scope has taken so keen an interest in the adoption of suffrage amendments and suffrage laws in the several states as the National Grange. Wherever the question has been raised in state branches of the order there also it has received the same favorable consideration. West Virginia's Grange is in no respect lagging behind the other farmers' organizations. The members recognize the fact that no class of women work harder and are more equal partners in the labor and hardships incident to making a home and living than are the farm women of this country. Their stake in the land and the home is mutual and they should be equal partners in all that goes to their mutual welfare. Then, too, they know that in the event of the death of the husband the wife is doubly protected in her future if she has the vote.

At the last assembly of the West Virginia State Grange, being the forty-third annual session, held in

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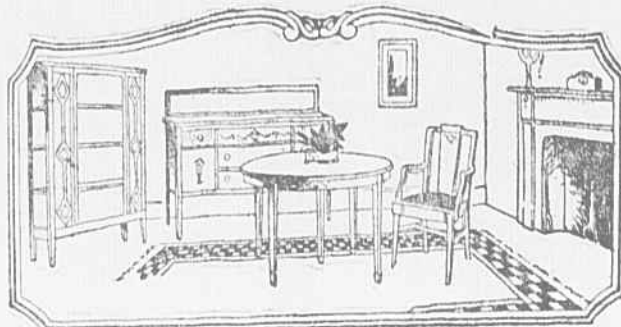
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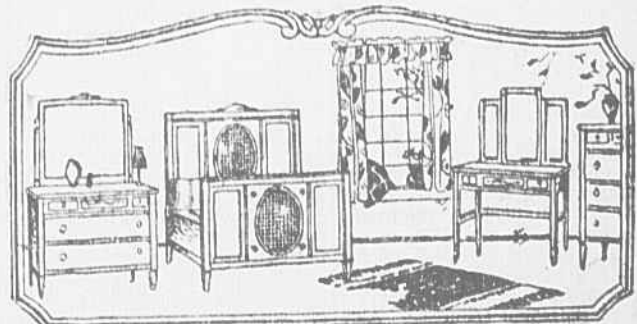
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We include quality and perfection of every

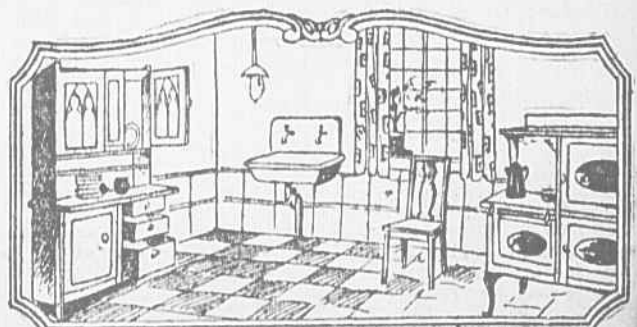


credit which strikingly appeals to the business mind. It is a modern service, just as delivery is a modern service, just as wrapping paper and string on your parcel is a service, our credit is part and parcel of our business. We offer it gladly.



detail. If it is period furniture it is authentic. It is always genuine. If it is marked at a discount, it is a bonafide discount.

You get a valuable service with our furniture. You use an intelligent plan of liberal



## THE PEOPLES FURNITURE STORE

142-144 WEST MAIN STREET

## HERE'S LOGIC FOR BUSINESS MEN

Statement of Axioms Which Should Settle Attitude of Most Voters.

number Cherry 4726. President, Mrs. Henry L. Lyster, the Pasadena Apartments. Treasurer, Mrs. James Cosslett Smith, the Palmes Apartments; Secretary, Miss Helen E. Keep, 753 Jefferson avenue; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. William S. Jerome, 84 Prestis avenue. Vice-presidents, Mrs. L. E. Clark, Mrs. C. A. Kent, Mrs. Charles W. Casgrain, Miss Stella Ford.

One of the Macomb county editors who chanced to receive the copy of the advertisement also received the following letter accompanying the order for insertion. Recognizing the fact that the copy was offered under false pretenses and that the letter was absolute evidence of the connection of the liquor organization with the anti-suffrage organization, he sent the letter to the Detroit Journal which printed it. The original letter was turned over by the Journal to Mrs. Clara E. Arthur, president of the Michigan Women's Christian Temperance Union and it is now in her possession.

The letter is as follows:

"Macomb County Retail Liquor Dealers' Association. Office of the Secretary, Mt. Clemens, Mich. "March 31, 1913.

"To the publishers: "I enclose herewith copy for advertisement which I wish you would insert in this week's issue of your paper, making it ten inches in depth, double column, on your local page or front page, if possible.

"I will thank you to see that this is done and mail statement of charges, and also marked copy to me and we will remit for the same.

"Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I am "Yours truly, "JOSEPH MATTHEWS, Secretary.

It was intimated at state headquarters today that quantities of similar evidence is on hand in case it is needed.

### SUFFRAGE AND DIVORCE.

Just before Colorado granted equal suffrage, in 1891 and 1892, its average number of divorces per year for 1907. For three years immediately following the bestowal of equal suffrage—1894, 1895 and 1896—the average number of the divorces per year was only 517.

Suffrage stands for social safety.

### WHY THE ANTIS OPPOSE WOMEN TRAVELING IN RAILWAY TRAINS.

Because traveling in trains is not a woman's natural right. Because our great-grandmothers never asked to travel in trains. Because woman's place is in the home—not in the train. But it is unnecessary; there is no point reached by a train that cannot be reached on foot.

Because it will double the work of conductors, engineers and brakemen, who are already overburdened.

Because men smoke and play cards in trains. Is there any reason to believe women will behave better?—ALICE DURE MILLER.



BEATRICE FORBES-ROBERTSON Distinguished Actress Will Tour West Virginia in August, Speaking in Behalf of the Pending Equal Suffrage Amendment.

## HERE IS EVIDENCE ASKED BY ANTIS

Proof of Close Connection Between Liquor Interests and Antis.

It is the policy of the West Virginia Equal Suffrage Association to avoid personalities and controversies in its campaign for the adoption of the pending franchise amendment to the state constitution. But, since the close of the Iowa campaign, the organization has sent a number of anti-speakers into this state. In several of the larger cities these people have had a public hearing. They have been most insistent that there is and has been no connection or affiliation between their organization and the liquor and vice interests of the country.

Emboldened by the desire of the Charleston, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved—That in the language of the National Grange we declare emphatically and unqualifiedly in favor of woman suffrage."

T. C. ATKESON, Master. W. V. BROWN, Secretary.

## The Brunt of the Battle



It isn't the legions that bear it. It isn't the men that go Face to face to the cannon. Or meeting the saber's blow. But these, the women and children. The wives and mothers of men; For them the brunt of the battle They face it again and again. The wives and sisters and mothers. The sweethearts, troubled and sore, For these the brunt of the battle. For these the horror of war, Thank God for their quiet courage, Their trust and their pride and joy; They know the brunt of the battle, And they are the heroes, my boy.

THE WEAKER SEX —Puck.

Bentztown Bard, Baltimore Sun